

ate Bill No. 23, being "An Act to amend Chapter 26, of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, for the purpose of constructing a dry dock," etc., and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Page offered twenty-three telegrams opposing the Gibson bill from the following persons of Houston: W. C. Munn and A. K. Brookshire, S. F. Carter, J. S. Cullinan, M. E. Foster, Jesse H. Jones, Jno. H. Kirby, J. B. Marmion, C. A. Teagle, G. B. Jounay et al., H. H. Peden et al., A. J. Dowa et al., J. B. Porter et al., W. O. Huggins, R. M. Farrar, Aug. DeZevala, Chas. P. Shearn, V. H. Roos et al., Geo. H. Hamilton, Walter R. Jones et al., F. A. Hervey Jr. and from Jas. N. Leonard and Chas. A. Weatherford of Waco.

The Chair laid before the Senate a resolution adopted by the Texas Bankers' Association endorsing the extension work of educational institutions as provided for by the Smith-Lever Act of Congress, and asking the Legislature to comply with the terms of the same by appropriating \$100,000 for the work during the next two years.

The Chair also laid before the Senate a resolution by the LaCoste F. E. and C. Union asking for a liberal appropriation for the Warehouse Department.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, May 26, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	Darwin.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Gibson.
Bailey of Harris.	Harris.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Brelsford.	Johnson.
Clark.	King.
Conner.	Lattimore.
Cowell.	McCollum.

McGregor.
McNealus.
Morrow.
Nugent.
Page.
Parr.

Robbins.
Smith.
Suiter.
Townsend.
Westbrook.
Wiley.

Absent.

Hall.
Harley.

Henderson.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator King.

Simple Resolution No. 34.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Robbins:

Whereas, an ex-member of this body, Hon. Robt. L. Warren, is at this time in the Capitol building, and,

Whereas, This excellent gentleman and statesman has rendered this State a great service as a citizen and a Senator; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the Senate and to have the privileges of the floor as long as he is in the city.

ROBBINS,
HARLEY,
MCNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

The Chair appointed Senators Robbins, Harley and Clark as a committee to escort former Senator Warren to the President's stand. Senator Warren addressed the Senate briefly.

Excused.

On account of important business:

Senator Hall, for yesterday, today and the balance of the Session, on motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt.

Senator Henderson, for Saturday and today, on motion of Senator McNealus.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Page:

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the furnishing and engraving of a stone to be placed in Memorial Hall at the foot of Washington Monument in Washing-

ton, D. C., creating a commission to supervise the engraving and placing of said stone, providing an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Letter Relating to "Gibson" Bill.

I move that there be printed in the Senate Journal that part of the Waco letter, read by the Secretary of the Senate, as part of the argument of Senator McCollum in the debate on the "Gibson" bill, May 24, 1915.

BRELSFORD.

The motion was adopted, and following is the letter referred to:

Waco, Texas, May 22, 1915.

Senator A. R. McCollum, Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mack: There is a matter I am going to tell you about that may be of some interest. It is about the Gibson bill, and the Tribune and yourself. We (I mean Jim Quarles and myself) at first decided not to inflict you with anything that might seem to be of an unpleasant nature, but some other things have happened since the first conversation that occurred between Jim and A. R. R. (the man in the big building), that convinces me that I should inform you of what was said. To begin with, several nights ago (I think Wednesday) Jim phoned me to come by his house, that he had a matter to tell me. I went and he stated that Mr. A. R. R. had called him up over the phone and said substantially as follows: "I note what is going on at Austin and I don't like it a bit; I am not satisfied with the position or attitude of Mr. McCollum. I want you to communicate with him as early as practical and inform him that if he does not give his support to the opposition of the Gibson bill that I shall withdraw my support from the Tribune, and furthermore I will not do business with any bank that might lend any assistance to the Tribune."

He called Jim up again yesterday morning and asked him if he had delivered his message to you, and was told no, but that he would talk to you during the day, but not along the line he had indicated. He did talk to you and you are familiar with

what was said. Again this morning the big man called Jim up again and asked him if he had communicated with you and was told yes. He said then about as follows: "I note how McCollum is voting and am not at all pleased with his position. I think he ought to vote for the interests of Waco, where there is so much at stake. You can tell him that I am going to do what I can against the Tribune in the future and expect to cancel my contract for the \$200.00 worth of advertising in the special edition, and furthermore have had a talk with the Southwestern of Dallas this morning and have asked them to cancel their contract for \$60.00, which I think will be done. And if there are any other insurance contracts I will make an effort to have them canceled. I am telling you this now, so that in the future you will know my position, for I intend to do what I can against the Tribune." Jim told him that he would not impart any such message to you and he (R.) admitted it might be best not to do so.

I am telling you this not to give you any worry, but just to let you know how this dictator feels and the frame of mind he is in. This may be of some use to you. It is all right. But if it is not, don't let it give you any concern. My opinion is that this mighty man of affairs will need the Tribune as badly as the Tribune will need his paltry business.

J. M. PETILLO.

Statement by McCollum.

In accordance with S. R. No. 32, the following statement is made:

I am not now, nor have I ever been, the attorney, agent or representative of any life insurance company. My only interests in such organization consists in the fact that I hold some policies in fraternal and old line companies.

A. R. MCCOLLUM.

Messages From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 25, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House Bill No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the County Court at Law No. 2 of Harris county, Texas; fixing and defining the jurisdiction and terms thereof; prescribing the qualifications, manner of appointment and election, term of office, compensation, and powers of the regular or special judge thereof; providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of the judge thereof, and for a clerk, bailiff and seal therefor, defining the powers of such clerk and bailiff and the effect of such seal; fixing the fees of the clerk thereof and of officers executing process issued therefrom; declaring that the jurisdiction of the county court at law of Harris county shall not be affected hereby; providing for transfers of cases between said county court at law No. 2 and said county court at law; declaring the validity in transferred cases, of process extant at the time of such transfer; prescribing practice in such court and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring prairie dogs a public nuisance, and to provide for the destruction thereof by land owners upon whose lands prairie dogs exist; and providing for county commissioners to cause the destruction of said dogs by sheriffs, when owners refuse or fail to destroy same within one year after the taking effect of this Act, and to assess expense against owners of land on which dogs exist by commissioners court."

House Bill No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Kendall county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statute of the State; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change; to repeal all laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Comanche county, Texas, defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county in adopting such system, etc., and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and creating the Fulbright Independent School District in Red River county, Texas, for free school purposes only, defining its boundaries, and provid-

ing for the election of a board of trustees, for the raising of revenue by taxation, issuing of bonds for raising money for building purposes, and maintaining public free schools therein, vesting the property included within this said Fulbright Independent School District, and vesting said district and board of trustees thereof with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by General Laws upon independent school districts, and the board of trustees thereof, formed by the incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes only under the General Law, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the sale of land that may have been, or may hereafter be, sold to the State of Texas under judgment foreclosing tax lien; providing a method of advertising the same, and also a method of conveying the same, and the disposition of the proceeds of such sale, and freeing such land when sold from any other accrued State and county taxes, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Point Independent School District of Rains county, defining its metes and bounds, vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes under the General Laws; providing, that all outstanding bonded indebtedness of Point Common School District No. 2 of Rains county shall be validated and made valid obligation against the Point Independent School District of Rains county; providing for board of trustees thereof, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay the current expense of the prison system of Texas for the year 1915, and to pay for obligations incurred by the prison system of Texas since the first of January, 1915, and declaring an emergency, with engrossed rider."

House Bill No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time for the payment of principal that has become due on former sales of land belonging to the public free school fund, University fund, and the several asylum funds, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

House Bill No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as 'Ricardo Independent School District,' and to provide for the creation of a board of trustees thereof and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expenses for the maintenance and support of said schools, and providing that the present board of trustees of the Ricardo Common School District shall have full control and management of said independent school district until the next regular trustees' election, and providing a method for filling vacancies occurring in said board; providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board of trustees, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district in the counties of Cottle, Dickens, King, and Motley, State of Texas, to be known as the Dumont Independent School District No. 1; providing for the election of a board of trustees therefor, said district and the trustees thereof to have all the rights, powers, duties and privileges granted and imposed under the General Laws of the State to incorporations for free school purposes only, and the trustees thereof, and especially those powers, duties, privileges and rights mentioned in Chapters 16 and 18, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and of Chapter 100 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Walker county, Texas, by amending Chapter 134 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, by adding to same Section 44, exempting Walker county from the provisions and operations of Chapter 126 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, etc., and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the redemption by the owner of lands or

lots heretofore sold or that may be hereafter sold to the State, city or town for taxes, and repealing all laws in conflict with this Act."

House Bill No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend paragraph 30 of Article 30, Title 5, of Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, and to amend said paragraph as amended by H. B. No. 510 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, being Chapter 128 of the Acts of the Regular Session of such Legislature, entitled 'An Act to increase the time of holding the district court of Clay county to eight weeks, and declaring an emergency;' fixing time of holding the district courts in the Thirtieth Judicial District, so as to increase the time of holding the district court in Clay county to eight weeks, and to change the time of holding the district court in Wichita county, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the limits of the Port Arthur Independent School District and providing for the payment by the Port Arthur Independent School District of the pro rata share of the bonded indebtedness of Sabine Pass Common School District, and validating this obligation, providing for commissioners to fix said pro rata share of said bonded indebtedness, repealing all laws in so far as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2 and 14, of the Special Laws of Texas, approved April 15, 1905, being H. B. No. 542, as amended by an Act, being H. B. No. 688 of the Special Laws of Texas, which H. B. No. 542 is entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 14 of the Special Laws of Texas, approved April 15, 1905,' being H. B. No. 542, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Coleman county, Texas,' etc., and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Reagan Independent School District in Falls county, Texas, including the town of Reagan, defining its boundaries, providing for a board of trustees, and assuming all contracts, debts, including bonded indebtedness of Reagan Independent School District; investing said dis-

strict with all the rights, privileges and duties of an independent school district created under the General Laws of the State of Texas for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 98 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature so as to change and prescribe the time for holding district court in the Forty-ninth Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Travis county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county road commissioners, prescribing their duties as such, etc., and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate all common school districts in this State heretofore created, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant the board of control of the Girls' Training School additional time in which to use the funds appropriated and donated to the State under Section 11, Chapter 144, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and re-appropriating said fund, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Independent School District of Buena Vista, in Pecos county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bills Referred.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. B. No. 26, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 28, referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

H. B. No. 53, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 54, referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 45, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 15, referred to Committee on Finance.

H. B. No. 29, referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

H. B. No. 44, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 46, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 47, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 52, referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 60, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 48, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 50, referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 56, referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 59, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 61, referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 62, referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 65, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 64, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 57, referred to Committee on Finance.

H. B. No. 37, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Simple Resolution No. 25.

Senator McNealus called up, from the table, S. R. No. 25, providing for giving preference to the consideration of the appropriation bills for the remainder of the Session or until disposed of.

Pending discussion, Senator Wiley moved the previous question on the resolution, which being duly seconded, was so ordered.

Action recurred on the committee report (favorable), and the same was not adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Clark.	McNealus.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
Lattimore.	Wiley.

Nays—17.

Astin.	Bailey of Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Bee.

Brelsford.
Darwin.
Gibson.
Harley.
Harris.
King.
McCollum.

Morrow.
Page.
Parr.
Robbins.
Smith.
Suiter.

Absent.

Hudspeth. McGregor.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

Senator Brelsford moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was not adopted, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Excused.

I move that Senators Astin, Bailey of DeWitt, Bailey of Harris, Clark, Gibson, King, Morrow, Hall, Parr, Harris, and Harley be excused for non-attendance on Saturday, May 22, on account of important business.

LATTIMORE.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Senate Bill No. 39.

Senator Cowell asked unanimous consent to take up S. B. No. 39, and there was objection.

Senator Cowell moved to suspend the pending business, consideration of House bills, and take up S. B. No. 39.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	Page.
Brelsford.	Parr.
Clark.	Robbins.
Conner.	Smith.
Cowell.	Suiter.
Darwin.	Townsend.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Harris.	

Nays—4.

Hudspeth.	McNealus.
King.	Wiley.

Absent.

Harley.	Morrow.
McGregor.	Nugent.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 68, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, known as H. B. No. 683, which prescribes and fixes the number of hours that shall constitute a legal day's work on all work being performed by or on behalf of the State of Texas, or by or on behalf of any county, municipality or other legal or political subdivision of said State; providing for cases of emergency; and providing that the provisions of said Section 2 shall not apply to the construction or maintenance of paved, graveled or macadamized or otherwise improved roads, without the corporate limits of cities and towns, by any county or any political subdivision thereof in this State, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

Senator McNealus offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill, by striking out the enacting clause.

Senator Clark moved to table the amendment, which motion to table was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	McGregor.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Nays—12.

Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Parr.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
King.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Morrow.
Darwin.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

Senator King moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until Friday at 12 o'clock.

Senator Clark moved to table the motion to postpone consideration of the bill, and the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	Nugent.
Conner.	Robbins.
Cowell.	Wiley.
Gibson.	

Nays—13.

Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Parr.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
King.	Westbrook.
Lattimore.	

Absent.

Darwin.	Page.
Morrow.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The vote being a tie, the Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, voted "yea," and declared the motion to table adopted.

Reasons for Vote.

I vote aye on the motion to table the amendment offered by the Senator from Dallas to strike out the enacting clause, because I favor the enactment of the bill.

I favor the bill not because I oppose the eight-hour law for the man who toils in the factories and sweatshops of the cities or in the dark mines, but I know that it is impracticable to extend the eight-hour system to the rural and farming districts, and that farmers do not want it.

The honest, industrious farmer who wants to help build the good roads of his district does not want to be restricted to eight hours per day, but where he hauls dirt, gravel or shell for the contractor, wants to work that team all day, and haul as many loads as he can, and if he is restricted to eight hours per day, you infringe his liberties and his right to do a full day's work, and I favor leaving him a free man to do as he pleases with his own business, hence I favor this bill, and in taking this

position I am legislating for the farmers of Texas, who want to help build the roads, and be free to do as they please, and remain a free people, and by doing this I am, none the less, a friend to labor.

NUGENT.

Senator Clark moved the previous question on the bill, which motion was seconded.

Senator McNealus made the point of order that the bill had not been discussed, as provided by the Constitution.

Senator McNealus moved to postpone the consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Message From the Governor.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

To the Thirty-fourth Legislature in Called Session:

At the request of Senator J. R. Wiley, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill to amend Section 9, Chapter 11, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, being an Act to amend the special road law of Montague county, relating to the salaries of the county commissioners, together with such amendments, provisions and conditions as the Legislature, in its wisdom, may provide.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Simple Resolution No. 35.

Whereas, The Senate has learned with profound regret of the death this morning of our much beloved and respected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, Hon. T. J. Brown; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That when the Senate adjourns today it be in respect to his memory, and that the President of the Senate appoint a committee of three Senators to arrange for the attendance of the Senate upon such funeral ceremonies as may be held in the City of Austin, and to prepare and present suitable and appropriate resolutions touching the life and services of our lamented Chief Justice.

BAILEY of DeWitt.
LATTIMORE.
COWELL.

The resolution was read and adopted.

In accordance with the resolution, the Chair appointed Senators Bailey of DeWitt, Brelsford and Bee as the committee provided for.

Recess.

On motion of Senator Clark, the Senate, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., recessed until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tem. Wiley.

Senate Bill No. 39.

(Pending business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, Senate Bill No. 39, the question being on the motion to postpone the consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Pending discussion, Senator Bailey of Harris moved the previous question on the pending motion and on the bill, which motion, being duly seconded, was ordered.

The motion to defer indefinite action on the bill was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Bailey of Harris.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Townsend.

Nays—14.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Wiley.

Absent.

Harley.	Morrow.
Hudspeth.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

Pairs Recorded.

Senator King (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Brelsford (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Parr (present), who would vote "aye"; Senator Page (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Bee (present), who would vote "aye"; Senator McGregor (absent), who would vote "nay."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Wiley.
Gibson.	

Nays—8.

Bailey of Harris.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
McNealus.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Harley.	Morrow.
---------	---------

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Bee (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator McGregor (absent), who would vote "aye."

Senator Parr (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator Page (absent), who would vote "aye."

Senator King (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator Brelsford (absent), who would vote "aye."

Senator Cowell moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and Senate Bill No. 39 put on its third reading and final passage.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Astin.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Johnson.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	Nugent.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	Wiley.
Harley.	

Nays—5.

King.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Townsend.
Smith.	

Absent.

Harris.	Page.
Morrow.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Astin.	Gibson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Johnson.
Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	McGregor.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Wiley.

Nays—13.

Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Morrow.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
King.	Westbrook.
Lattimore.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Parr (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator Page (absent), who would vote "aye."

Senator Cowell moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 39 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Reason for Vote.

I voted "no" on this matter because I do not believe that it involves even in remote degree the interest or dignity of organized labor. All my life I have been a friend of organized labor, as is well known to the union men where I live. I have been and am now an employer of organized labor and am free to say that even if the opportunity were offered to me to employ efficient labor, not organized, I should give the preference to union labor, because of my confidence in and respect for the great

principles that are involved in the labor question. One of the misfortunes of organized labor is:

That too often men who are no doubt entirely sincere, but whose judgment is at fault, embarrass and discredit organized labor by making demands in its name, that the intelligent and fair-minded union labor men would not make. It is true that union labor men do stand firm, as they ought to do, for every right that is theirs, but they are reasonable and just and they have sense enough to clearly understand that there are fields and departments of labor of honest industry, where the rules and regulations that apply in cities and towns to the operation of organized labor are not applicable in any degree. I know enough of the conditions in my home county regarding the work that is being done and that will be done on our public highways by farmers, and by what is called common labor, to persuade me that the passage of this bill is timely and will be of help and cannot in any measure, according to my belief, affect any interest of union labor. If I had any reason to believe to the contrary, or had any measure of a doubt, I would give organized labor the benefit of that doubt and vote contrary to the course I am now pursuing.

M'COLLUM.

Senate Bill No. 47.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate sales and conveyances of lands made by towns and villages in this State, which towns and villages were created under Spanish and Mexican authorities and of lands granted by said authorities to said towns and villages."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 47 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	Bee.
Bailey of Harris.	Brelsford.

Clark.	McGregor.
Conner.	McNealus.
Cowell.	Nugent.
Darwin.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.
Harris.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
Johnson.	Suiter.
King.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McCollum.	Wiley.

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt. Morrow.
Harley.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McGregor.
Clark.	McNealus.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Nays—2.

Robbins. Suiter.

Present—Not Voting.

Brelsford. Morrow.

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt. McCollum.
Harley.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 47 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 4.

Senator Clark moved that the regular order of business, consideration of House bills, be suspended for the

purpose of taking up the departmental appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 4.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	Morrow.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
King.	Wiley.

Nay—1.

McNealus.

Absent.

Cowell. Harley.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate Bill No. 4, the departmental appropriation bill, the question being on the Treasury Department.

Consent was given to the consideration of the Agricultural Department, but a point of order was made and sustained by the Chair, that the Senate having adopted to consider the bill by sections and that unanimous consent would have to be obtained,

Unanimous consent was given to the consideration of Agricultural Department.

Senator Brelsford offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill, page 100, by striking out all on said page, after line 16, down to and including line 15, page 101, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Salary of Commissioner, 1916, \$2,500.00; 1917, \$2,500.00.

Salary of chief clerk, 1916, \$1,500.00; 1917, \$1,500.00.

Salary of statistician, 1916, \$1,320.00; 1917, \$1,320.00.

Salary of three stenographers, 1916, \$3,600.00; 1917, \$3,600.00.

Salary of porter, 1916, \$480.00; 1917, \$480.00.

Salary of two general clerks, 1916, \$2,400.00; 1917, \$2,400.00.

Institute force:

Salary of chief director, 1916, \$1,800.00; 1917, \$1,800.00.

Salary of eight men assistants at \$1,200.00 each, 1916, \$9,600.00; 1917, \$9,600.00.

Salary of one man assistant expert, 1916, \$1,200.00; 1917, \$1,200.00.

Salary of one man assistant dairy expert, 1916, \$1,500.00; 1917, \$1,500.00.

Salary of two women institute workers, 1916, \$2,400.00; 1917, \$2,400.00.

Salary of four local men, 1916, \$2,000.00; 1917, \$2,000.00.

Salary of one woman secretary of institution, 1916, \$500.00; 1917, \$500.00.

Expenses of institute lecturers, 1916, \$13,000.00; 1917, \$13,000.00.

Department of Entomology:

Chief entomologist, 1916, \$1,800.00; 1917, \$1,800.00.

Two assistants, \$1,200.00 each, 1916, \$2,400.00; 1917, \$2,400.00.

Expense of entomologists, 1916, \$3,000.00; 1917, \$3,000.00.

Bureau of Markets:

Salary of four regular men, 1916, \$6,300.00; 1917, \$6,300.00.

Salary of four extra men during market season, at \$100.00 per month, 1916, \$1,200.00; 1917, \$1,200.00.

Expense of four regular men, 1916, \$4,000.00; 1917, \$4,000.00.

Expense of extra men, 1916, \$1,500.00; 1917, \$1,500.00.

Expense of standardizing and teaching the grower how to pack their products, 1916, \$2,000.00; 1917, \$2,000.00.

Division of Orchard and Nursery Inspection:

Salary of chief inspector, 1916, \$1,800.00; 1917, \$1,800.00.

Salary of six assistants, 1916, \$7,200.00; 1917, \$7,200.00.

Salary of stenographer, 1916, \$1,200.00; 1917, \$1,200.00.

Expenses, 1916, \$5,000.00; 1917, \$5,000.00.

Stationery, postage, express and telegraphing, 1916, \$6,000.00; 1917, \$6,000.00.

Furniture, 1916, \$250.00; 1917, \$250.00.

Telephone rent, per annum, 1916, \$60.00; 1917, \$60.00.

Contingent expenses, 1916, \$150.00; 1917, \$150.00.

Traveling expenses of Commissioner of Agriculture and chief clerk, 1916, \$1,200.00; 1917, \$1,200.00.

Collecting, compiling and disseminating agricultural information, 1916, \$10,000.00; 1917, \$10,000.00.

Total, 1916, \$98,860.00; 1917, \$98,860.00.

Provided, that it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Agriculture to change any employe of his office to any desk or place when necessary to keep all employed.

Provided, that the head of said department shall keep a record of absences of the various employes and the reasons therefor, whether from sickness, vacation or on leave of absence, and that the record of such absences be incorporated in the report made annually by the head of said department.

The appropriations herein provided for are to be construed as the maximum sums to be appropriated to and for the several purposes named herein, and no expenditures shall be made, nor shall any obligations be incurred which, added to the actual expenditures, will exceed the amounts herein appropriated for either of the said purposes, except under the provisions provided for in Article 4342, of Chapter 2, Title 65, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911.

Senator Bailey of DeWitt offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 4 by striking out, in line 31, on page 92, of the printed bill the figures "\$1,200.00" wherever they occur and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$1,500.00."

By Bailey of DeWitt, Harley, Astin, Gibson, Harris, Nugent.

Senator Clark moved to table the amendment, which motion to table was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	Morrow.
Conner.	Robbins.
Cowell.	Smith.
Darwin.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
King.	Wiley.
McCollum.	

Nays—9.

Astin.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	Nugent.
Bee.	Page.
Harley.	

Absent.

Harris.	Parr.
McNealus.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Henderson.

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 4, page 95, by adding at the end of the itemized appropriations, and in line 14 of printed bill, the following. "For emergency help in the redemption department, 1916, \$2,400.00; 1917, \$2,400.00."

Hudspeth, Lattimore, Gibson, Bailey of Harris.

Senator Johnson offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by changing lines 24 and 25, on page 93, to read, "five assistants" at \$6,000.00—\$6,000.00.

The substitute was adopted and the amendment, as substituted, was adopted.

Senator McCollum offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 4 by adding after line 25, page 94, the following: "Salary of one utility clerk, who shall be transferred to different desks as occasion demands, \$1,200.00 for each year."

On motion of Senator Johnson, the amendment was tabled.

Senator McCollum offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill, page 93, line 16, by striking out the figures "\$1,200.00" where they appear and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$1,500.00."

On motion of Senator Clark, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Robbins offered the following amendment:

Amend Committee Substitute Bill No. 4, page 93, after line 29, the following: "One assistant bond clerk, \$1,200.00 for each year. Also one unorganized county tax clerk, \$1,200.00 for each year."

ROBBINS.

HUDSPETH.

NUGENT.

On motion of Senator Clark, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend Senate Bill No. 4 by adding to the General Land Office Division the following:

"For the erection and equipment of a fireproof building on southeast corner of Eleventh and Brazos streets, Government land, City of Austin, for the accommodation of the

General Land Office, the Insurance and Banking Department and the Agricultural Department and such other departments of the State Government as may be prescribed by law. The Governor, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking shall constitute a board for the purpose of having the building erected and equipped, and shall have full power and authority to do and perform all things necessary to carry out the purposes of this provision. The appropriation for this purpose shall be available on September 1, 1915, and the amount appropriated for this purpose shall be the sum of \$300,000.00."

Senator Bee offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate Bill No. 4, page 96, line 9, by striking out the figures "\$1,500.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$1,800.00" in both columns.

On motion of Senator Clark, the amendment was tabled.

Senator Darwin offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend Senate Bill No. 4, page 102, line 13, of the printed bill, by striking out the words "State Levee and Drainage Board" and inserting in lieu thereof "State Reclamation Department."

By striking out of line 20, page 15, the words "Levee and Drainage Board, with," and all of line 21, and inserting in lieu thereof "Reclamation Engineer shall."

By striking out of line 30, page 105, the words "Levee and Drainage Commissioner," and inserting in lieu thereof "Reclamation Engineer."

By striking out the syllable "depart" from line 32, page 105.

And by striking out line 1, page 106, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "State Reclamation Department," and by striking out lines 2 and 3, same page.

By striking out the word "board," in line 5, page 106, and inserting in lieu thereof "State Reclamation Engineer."

By striking out of line 7, page 106, the word "board," and inserting in lieu thereof "said Engineer."

By striking out of line 24, page 106, the word "board," and inserting in lieu thereof "said State Reclamation Engineer."

By striking out of line 25, page

106, the words "any member of such board," and inserting in lieu thereof "the said Engineer."

By striking out of line 27, page 106, the words "any member of such board," and inserting in lieu thereof "the said Engineer."

By striking out of line 10, page 108, the words "State Levee and Drainage Board," and inserting in lieu thereof "State Reclamation Department."

Senator Cowell offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill, page 106, by inserting immediately after line 20 the following:

Warehouse and Marketing Department:

Salary of one manager, \$3,600.00 per year, 1916, \$3,600.00; 1917, \$3,600.00.

Salary of chief clerk, 1916, \$2,000.00; 1917, \$2,000.00.

Salary of bookkeeper, 1916, \$1,500.00; 1917, \$1,500.00.

Salary of two stenographers, 1916, \$2,400.00; 1917, \$2,400.00.

Salary of porter, 1916, \$480.00; 1917, \$480.00.

Stamps, 1916, \$500.00; 1917, \$500.00.

Furniture and fixtures, 1916, \$500.00; 1917, \$500.00.

Stationery and printing, 1916, \$2,500.00; 1917, \$2,500.00.

Total, 1916, \$13,400.00; 1917, \$13,400.00.

Provided, that the head of said department keep a record of the absences of the various employees and the reasons therefor, whether from sickness, vacation or on leave of absence, and that the record of such absences be incorporated in the report made annually by the head of said department.

The appropriations herein provided for are to be construed as the maximum sums to be appropriated to and for the several purposes named herein, and no expenditures shall be made, nor shall any obligations be incurred which, added to the actual expenditures, will exceed the amounts herein appropriated for either of the said purposes, except under the provisions provided for in Article 4342, of Chapter 2, Title Sixty-five, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911.

Senator Westbrook offered the following substitute:

Warehouse and Marketing Department:

Salary of two managers, \$3,600.00 a year each, 1916, \$7,200.00; 1917, \$7,200.00.

Salary of chief clerk, 1916, \$2,500.00; 1917, \$2,500.00.

Salary of bookkeeper, 1916, \$1,500.00; 1917, \$1,500.00.

Salary of bulletin clerk, 1916, \$1,500.00; 1917, \$1,500.00.

Salary of assistant bulletin clerk, 1916, \$720.00; 1917, \$720.00.

Salary of two stenographers, 1916, \$2,400.00; 1917, \$2,400.00.

Salary of porter, 1916, \$480.00; 1917, \$480.00.

Stamps, 1916, \$500.00; 1917, \$500.00.

Furniture and fixtures, 1916, \$500.00; 1917, \$500.00.

Stationery and printing, 1916, \$2,500.00; 1917, \$2,500.00.

Salary of four warehouse examiners, including traveling expenses, 1916, \$12,000.00; 1917, \$12,000.00.

Salary of six gin inspectors, including traveling expenses, 1916, \$15,000.00; 1917, \$15,000.00.

Salary of eight lecturers, including traveling expenses of lecturers and managers, 1916, \$20,000.00; 1917, \$20,000.00.

Total, 1916, \$66,300.00; 1917, \$66,300.00.

Provided, that the head of said department shall keep a record of absences of the various employees and the reasons therefor, whether from sickness, vacation or on leave of absence, and that the record of such absences be incorporated in the report made annually by the head of said department.

The appropriations herein provided for are to be construed as the maximum sums to be appropriated to and for the several purposes named herein, and no expenditures shall be made, nor shall any obligations be incurred which, added to the actual expenditures, will exceed the amounts herein appropriated for either of the said purposes except under the provisions provided for in Article 4342, of Chapter II, Title 65, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911.

(Senator Page in the Chair.)

After discussion, Senator Hudspeth moved the previous question on the substitute and the amendment, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

Action recurred on the substitute for the amendment and the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of Harris.	King.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Harris.	

Nays—12.

Astin.	McNealus.
Clark.	Robbins.
Conner.	Smith.
Darwin.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Wiley.

Absent.

McCollum.	Morrow.
-----------	---------

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The amendment, as substituted, was then adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Cowell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 4 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Cowell.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Nay—1.

Conner.

Absent.

McCollum.	Morrow.
-----------	---------

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The bill was laid before the Senate,

14—Senate

read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Cowell.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Nays—2.

Conner.	Suiter.
---------	---------

Absent.

Harley.	Morrow.
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

Senator Cowell moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 4 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Bailey of Harris:

S. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to limit the number of days per week paid firemen in cities of twenty-five thousand inhabitants or over may be required to work; providing that the city officials having supervision of the fire department shall designate the day of the week upon which each fireman shall not be required to work; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Senator Wiley:

S. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 11, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, being an Act to amend the special road law of Montague county, relating to the salaries of the county commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 8, authorizing correction in free conference committee report to House Bill No. 4.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 30.

Senator Brelsford moved that the Calendar Clerk be instructed to withdraw from the Public Printer House Bill No. 30, congressional redistricting bill, which was ordered printed, and have same on the calendar by 8 o'clock p. m. tonight.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate

H. C. R. No. 8, authorizing the correction in free conference committee report on House Bill No. 4.

The resolution was adopted.

House Bill No. 26.

(By unanimous consent.)

Senator Bailey of Harris called up House Bill No. 26, and moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended for the purpose of considering this bill today. (See Appendix for committee report.)

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Bailey of Harris, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and House Bill No. 26 put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Hudspeth.	Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

H. B. No. 26, local court bill for Harris county. (See House Message for caption in full.)

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Bailey of Harris, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and House Bill No. 26 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

King.	Morrow.
-------	---------

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed.

Senator Bailey of Harris moved to

reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 26 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senator Brelsford moved that all the stenographers be requested to return to the Senate tonight for the purpose of assisting in engrossing bills.

The motion was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 20.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Gregg county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Smith, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 29 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Nugent.
Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Absent.

Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Astin.	Conner.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Cowell.
Bailey of Harris.	Darwin.
Bee.	Gibson.
Brelsford.	Harley.
Clark.	Harris.

Hudspeth.
Johnson.
King.
Lattimore.
McCollum.
McGregor.
McNealus.
Nugent.

Page.
Parr.
Robbins.
Smith.
Suiter.
Townsend.
Westbrook.
Wiley.

Absent.

Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Henderson.

Senator Smith moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 29 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 22.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act relieving the Sugarland Railway Company from the necessity of rebuilding and constructing about three and one-half miles of its road in Fort Bend county, Texas, as ordered by the court in a judgment entered in the cause of the State of Texas vs. The Sugarland Railway Company, No. 28,875, originating in the District Court of Travis county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Clark, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and Senate Bill No. 22 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
King.	Wiley.

Present—Not Voting.

Cowell.

Absent.

Harris.

Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Cowell.	Parr.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Nays—2.

Bailey of DeWitt. Suiter.

Absent.

Conner.

McGregor.

Harris.

Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Henderson.

Senator Clark moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 22 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bill No. 27.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crowell Independent School District of Foard county, Texas, for school purposes."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to

be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 27 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

McGregor.

Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Houston.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

McGregor.

Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.

Henderson.

Senator Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 27 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bill No. 44.

(By unanimous consent.)

Senator Parr called up H. B. No.

44, and moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended for the purpose of considering this bill today. (See Appendix for committee report.)

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 44 put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Houston.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Townsend.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

McGregor. Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

H. B. No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as 'Ricardo Independent School District,' and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 44 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Astin.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Johnson.
Bailey of Houston.	King.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.

Suiter. Westbrook.
Townsend. Wiley.

Absent.

Harris. Morrow.
McGregor.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Nugent.
Brelsford.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Conner.	Robbins.
Cowell.	Smith.
Darwin.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Absent.

Harley. McGregor.
Harris. Morrow.

Absent—Excused.

Hall. Henderson.

Senator Parr moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 44 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 43.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower Bowie county, Texas, any political subdivision or defined district, by two-third vote of resident property taxpayers, to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Lattimore, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 43 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Astin,	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Nugent.
Brelsford.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Sulter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
King.	Wiley.

Absent.

Conner.	McGregor.
Harley.	Morrow.
Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McGregor.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Nugent.
Brelsford.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Sulter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.
King.	Wiley.

Absent.

Conner.	McCollum.
Harley.	Morrow.
Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

Senator Lattimore moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 43 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 52.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating all common school districts heretofore formed or established, either by the county commissioners court or by the county board of trustees, and all orders of the commissioners courts or county boards of trustees consolidating school districts within the counties of this State, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 52 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McNealus.
Bee.	Nugent.
Brelsford.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Absent.

Conner.	McGregor.
Harley.	Morrow.
Harris.	Sulter.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 52 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Sen-

ate, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter, 23, of the Local and Special Laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, entitled 'An Act creating the Happy Independent School District, in Swisher and Randall counties, Texas,' and declaring an emergency."

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Brelsford, the Senate adjourned until 8 o'clock, p. m., May 26.

APPENDIX.

Committee Reports. (Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Reagan Independent School District in Falls county, Texas, including the town of Reagan,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Bee, chairman; Gibson, Johnson, Astin, Robbins, McGregor, Darwin, Smith, Harley, Cowell, Bailey of Harris, Morrow.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Point Independent School District of Rains county; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, chairman; Morrow, Astin, Gibson, Johnson, Cowell, Bailey of Harris, Robbins, Harley, McGregor, Smith, Darwin.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as 'Ricardo' Independent School District, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Bee, chairman; Gibson, Johnson, Astin, Darwin, Robbins, McGregor, Smith, Harley.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district in the counties of Cottle, Dickens, King, and Motley, State of Texas, to be known as the Dumont Independent School District No. 1, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we beg to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

Bee, chairman; Bailey of Harris, Johnson, Robbins, Harley, Astin, Gibson.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate all common school districts in this State heretofore created, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, chairman; Gibson, Johnson, Cowell, Astin, Harley, Robbins, Smith, Darwin, Morrow, Bailey of Harris, McGregor.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and creating the Fulbright Independent School District, in Red River county, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, chairman; Gibson, Johnson, Morrow, Darwin, Astin, Robbins, Smith, Bailey of Harris, Cowell, Harley.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Greensborough County Line Independent School District, situated in Henderson and Van Zandt counties, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, chairman; Gibson, Johnson, Astin, Smith, Robbins, Darwin, Bailey of Harris, Harley, Cowell, Morrow.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend paragraph 30 of Article 30, Title 5, of Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, and to amend said paragraph as amended by H. B. No. 510 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, being Chapter 128 of the Acts of the Regular Session of such Legislature, entitled 'An Act to increase the time of holding district

court of Clay county to eight weeks, and declaring an emergency,' fixing the time of holding the district courts in the Thirtieth Judicial District so as to increase the time of holding the district court in Clay county to eight weeks, and to change the time of holding the district court in Wichita county, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Nugent, chairman; Conner, Parr, King, Suiter, Darwin, Bailey of Harris, Gibson.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore to and confer upon the county court of Kendall county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change; to repeal all laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Nugent, chairman; Bailey of Harris, Conner, Suiter, King, Parr, Darwin, Gibson.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the county court at law No. 2 of Harris County, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Nugent, chairman; Gibson, King, Bailey of Harris, Conner, Parr, Suiter, Darwin.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 98 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature so as to change and prescribe the time for holding district court in the Forty-ninth Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Nugent, chairman; Gibson, Parr, Conner, Suiter, King, Bailey of Harris.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, beg to report that we have considered

S. B. No. 57, being "An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 11, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, being an Act to amend the special road law of Montague county, relating to the salaries of the county commissioners, and declaring an emergency,"

Beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Robbins, vice chairman; Westbrook, Townsend, Smith, McNealus, McCollum.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Comanche county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same

back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it pass, and be not printed.

Robbins, vice chairman; Smith, Townsend, McCollum, McNealus, Westbrook.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2 and 14 of the Special Laws of Texas, approved April 15, 1915, being H. B. No. 542, as amended by 'An Act, being H. B. No. 688, of the Special Laws of Texas, approved the —th day of —, which H. B. No. 542 is entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 14, of the Special Laws of Texas, approved April 15, 1915, being H. B. No. 542, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Coleman county, Texas,' etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it pass, and be not printed.

Robbins, vice chairman; Smith, Townsend, McCollum, McNealus, Westbrook.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 8, 9, 12 and 40, of Chapter 148, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower Fayette county or any political subdivision of said county, by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county, or political subdivision thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds to any amount, not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county,

or of such subdivision, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work; and providing a method of making up tax rolls and for deposit and disbursement of said funds and regulation of traffic on said roads, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Robbins, vice chairman; Westbrook, Smith, Townsend, McCollum, McNealus.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time for the payment of principal that has become due on former sales of land belonging to the public free school fund, University fund, and the several asylum funds, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Johnson, chairman; Hudspeth, Brelsford, Parr, Wiley, Westbrook.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring prairie dogs a public nuisance, and to provide for the destruction thereof by land owners upon whose lands prairie dogs exist; and providing for county commissioners to cause the destruction of said dogs by sheriffs, when owners refuse or fail to destroy same within one year after the taking ef-

fect of this Act, and to assess expense against owners of land on which dogs exist by commissioners."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Johnson, chairman; Hudspeth, Brelsford, Parr, Wiley, Westbrook.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay various miscellaneous claims against the State, authorizing the payment of said miscellaneous items, except as otherwise stated in the item, on the taking effect of this Act, making appropriations for deficiencies incurred in the support of the State Government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, and for the purpose of meeting emergencies occurring during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Cowell, chairman; Bee, Johnson, Townsend, Clark, Brelsford, King, Harris, Astin.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 20, relating to the issuance of stocks and bonds by the associations and corporations brought under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission by the said Chapter 86, so as to authorize such associations and corporations to create indebtedness and to issue stocks and bonds in the same manner that railroad corporations are permitted to do under the provisions of the

railroad stock and bond law of Texas, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, of Chapter 68, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, known as H. B. No. 683," and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 42, changing the time of holding court in the Thirty-third Judicial District of Texas, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 47, "An Act to validate sales and conveyances of land made by towns and villages in this State, which towns and villages were created under Spanish and Mexican authorities," and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Enrolling Committee Report.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 14, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 12 o'clock, noon, May 26, 1915, presented same to the Governor for his approval.

M'COLLUM, Chairman.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Wednesday, May 26, 1915.

The Senate met at 8 o'clock p. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Wiley.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Nugent.
Conner.	Page.
Cowell.	Parr.
Darwin.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Morrow.
Harley.	Robbins.
King.	Townsend.

Absent—Excused.

Hall.	Henderson.
-------	------------

Prayer by Senator Cowell.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Hudspeth.

Excused.

On account of illness of family: Senator Morrow, for today, on motion of Senator Bee.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 26, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House grants request of Senate for Free Conference Committee on Committee Substitute Senate Bill No. 7, and the following members on the part of the House have been appointed: Wagstaff, Fly, Crudgington, Decherd and Savage of Bell.

The House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled